

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for processing incoming calls comprising:
 - receiving at least first and second incoming calls;
 - retaining the first incoming call in a first state;
 - waiting until the first incoming call progresses to a second state;
 - answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and
 - transitioning the second incoming call in the first state to a second state;
 - ~~starting a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and~~
 - ~~hanging up the second incoming call and placing it in a third state if the timer expires.~~
2. (original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state is a call connected state.
- 3-4. (cancelled)
5. (currently amended) A processor-based videoconferencing station comprising a medium storing instructions for causing the processor to:
 - receive at least first and second incoming calls;
 - retain the first incoming call in a first state;
 - wait until the first incoming call progresses to a second state;
 - answer the second incoming call and place it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and
 - transition the second incoming call in the first state to a second state;
 - ~~start a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and~~
 - ~~hang up the second incoming call and place it in a third state if the timer expires.~~
6. (original) The station as recited in claim 5 wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state is a call connected state.

7-8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A processor-based video conferencing station comprising:

a receiver for at least first and second incoming calls;

a memory for maintaining the state of each incoming call in at least first and second states; and

an analyzer for retaining the first incoming call in a first state; waiting until the first incoming call progresses to the second state; answering the second incoming call and placing it in the first state after the first incoming call progresses to the second state; and

transitioning the second incoming call in the first state to the second state;

~~starting a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and~~

~~hanging up the second incoming call and placing it in a third state if the timer expires.~~

10. (original) The station of claim 9, wherein the first state is a pending answer state and the second state is a call connected state.

11-12. (cancelled)

13. (new) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

starting a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and

hanging up the second incoming call and placing it in a third state if the timer expires.

14. (new) The station as recited in claim 5, wherein the medium further stores instructions for causing the processor to:

start a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and

hang up the second incoming call and place it in a third state if the timer expires.

15. (new) The station of claim 9, wherein the analyzer is further for:

starting a timer when placing the second incoming call in the first state; and

hanging up the second incoming call and placing it in a third state if the timer expires.